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PASS TO ANTIPPAS

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SUBJECT: INDOCHINA REFUGEES

REF: A. SINGAPORE 3353

B. SEOUL 5643

FOLLOWING UPDATED INFORMATION FURNISHED PER TELEPHONE REQUEST
OF ANTIPPAS.

1. UNHCR NOT OPERATING IN KOREA, HAS DELEGATED DUTIES TO
UNDP. UNDP PLAYING NO ACTIVE ROLE IN RESETTLEMENT, RELYING ON
KOREAN AUTHORITIES AND THIRD-COUNTRY EMBASSIES TO MAKE OWN
ARRANGEMENTS.

2. OTHER NATIONS PARTICIPATING IN RESETTLEMENT AS FOLLOWS:
CANADA HAS ACCEPTED 147 REFUGEES AND IS CONSIDERING TAKING
MORE; FRANCE HAS ACCEPTED 52, WILL NOT TAKE MANY MORE; JAPAN
HAS ACCEPTED 4, NOT LIKELY TAKE MORE; AUSTRALIA HAS ACCEPTED
FOUR, MAY ACCEPT A FEW MORE BUT NO PLANS NOW; REPUBLIC OF
CHINA HAS ACCEPTED 46 REFUGEES OF CHINESE NATIONALITY, WILL
TAKE NO MORE; KOREA HAS RESETTLED 285 REFUGEES ON BASIS OF
FAMILY TIES TO KOREANS. HOWEVER, PERHAPS 10-15 OF THESE ARE
VIETNAMESE WOMEN WHO HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY PROVEN NOT TO BE
LEGAL WIVES OF KOREANS. ROKG REGARDS THEIR RESETTLEMENT AS
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2. EMBASSY HAS REMOVED FROM ITS ELIGIBLE LISTS ALL REFUGEES
ALREADY ACCEPTED BY OTHER COUNTRIES, RESULTING IN MARKED DROP
IN NUMBER ELIGIBLE. OF TOTAL 637 REFUGEES PROCESSED, WE NOW
HAVE TOTAL OF 434 ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE UNDER CURRENT CRITERIA.
IN ADDITION WE HAVE TOTAL 142 REFUGEES, NOT YET PROCESSED,
WHO ONLY RECENTLY CLAIMED RELATIVES IN U.S. TOTAL NUMBER
REFUGEES WHO DO NOT QUALIFY PRESENT CRITERIA AND WHO HAVE
NOT BEEN ACCEPTED ANYWHERE FOR RESETTLEMENT IS 334.
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